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Every State in Union Seems to Be Aroused to Great Benefits.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, June 3.—One million dollars a day is the record that will be established throughout the United States as the expenditure for improving and maintaining public roads. Never before in the history of the country has there been such interest in the improvement of highways, and with the Legislatures of the States appropriating millions of dollars for this purpose, the good roads movement has received its greatest impetus since the foundation of the republic.

The money that will be expended on the roads of this country during the next six months will be more than ever before in the same period of time. In 1904 the total expenditure for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in the United States amounted to about \$50,000,000, but the expenditure for this purpose in 1911 will aggregate about \$110,000,000. Exclusive of Sunday and legal holidays, the outlay for roads will amount to \$1,000,000 a day during the present road-building season. This includes all moneys raised by local taxation, bond issues, State appropriations and private subscriptions.

Every State Aroused.
"Every State in the Union," said Logan Waller Page, director of the United States Office of Public Roads, in telling of the results of the great campaign for good roads, "seems at last to be thoroughly aroused to the benefits derived from investments in improved highways. In California, the State has issued \$15,000,000 in bonds with which to build a system of State highways. This work will begin during the present season. In the State of Connecticut about \$2,500,000 will be expended this year out of the State Treasury for trunk-line and State-aid roads. Of the \$5,000,000 bond issue recently authorized in Maryland, over \$1,250,000 will be available this year for trunk-line and State-aid roads. Massachusetts will expend from State revenues over \$1,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of State roads.

"It is expected that at least \$5,000,000 will be expended on State-aid roads and on trunk-line systems in the State of New York. In addition to \$7,000,000 already raised by local taxation.

More money is being devoted to road improvement in New York than in any other State in the Union, and the percentage of improved roads in that State has increased from 7.9 per cent. in 1904 to 60 per cent. in 1909."

Over \$2,000,000 is available in North Carolina from bond issues in the various counties for road improvement this year, and the Legislature has authorized the construction of a road from the Atlantic Ocean to the Tennessee line, a distance of 425 miles.

"In 1910 thirty counties in Ohio voted \$2,500,000 in bonds to be expended this year. Ohio will also expend about \$600,000 from State revenues for road improvement. In Pennsylvania the State aid appropriation will probably amount to over \$1,000,000, and a \$50,000,000 bond issue is being considered. Various counties in Tennessee will expend \$1,500,000 from bond issues. Over \$1,500,000 will be expended from bond issues in various counties in Texas. In Virginia, \$2,500,000 has been authorized by various counties to be expended this year, while over \$250,000 has been appropriated in the State of Wisconsin, in accordance with the State aid system.

"The prospect for a complete system of public roads throughout the United States is better now than ever before in the history of the country, and a uniformity of recent good road laws gives promise that this country will eventually take its place with France in having the most sensible system of road supervision and maintenance."

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PLANS FOR FAIR AT BEDFORD CITY

Permanent Association Will Be Formed to Take Over Splendidly Located Grounds.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bedford City, June 2.—An important feature of a meeting of the Board of Trade this week was the action taken toward the purchase of land for the establishment of a permanent county fair association.

The board adjourned and a temporary organization was effected, with W. L. Lyle as chairman, and J. J. Scott, secretary, to hear the report of the committee which had been previously appointed to select a suitable location for the fair grounds. The committee recommended the purchase of fourteen acres of land on Peak Street, a part of which would be within the corporate limits, very convenient for such a purpose. This was adopted, and a committee will be appointed to secure stock for about \$7,500. After this is secured a charter will be applied for, and a permanent organization formed.

During the meeting \$2,500 was subscribed. The capital stock of the company will be \$10,000.

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